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FROM THE MSC DIRECTOR

Happy 250th Birthday! On October 13th, we celebrated a momentous milestone for the United States Navy! From our humble beginnings with the Navy's six frigates, to the modern-day Fleet we are a part today, we remain grateful to the Sailors and Marines that came before us. Moments such as these provide us an opportunity to reflect on the past and contemplate our way forward as the Foundry—Fleet—Fight.

This issue explores how MSC officers are impacting the Fleet. The HRO Spotlight shows how naval podiatrists employ the high reliability principles in their daily work while From the Labs examines the physiological effects of different diving environments. Check out a behind the scenes look in From the Detailers, which provides insight into how assignment decisions are made. The career development section highlights the new BUMED SharePoint content now available; an excellent resource with information that can assist you in your professional journey.

Additionally, we need additional staff members for The Rudder. Each issue requires significant time to identify content, format, and distribute for each member of the team. Interested in writing for one of the existing columns? Or starting a new column of your own? On page 5, you'll find some more information about the many ways you could contribute.

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In closing, I'm grateful to serve alongside you. YOU are the "secret ingredient" that makes us READY, RESILIENT, and RELEVANT in support of the Warfighter. THANK YOU!

With respect and admiration! M. Case

M. CASE
Rear Admiral, Medical Service Corps
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A Note from the Editors

You may have noticed a change in our formatting, specifically how we have shifted in abbreviating ranks (e.g., from "LCDR" to "Lt. Cmdr."). This change is to comply with PAO requirements for external publishing, and will apply to all future issues.

MACDILL AFB, Tampa, Florida. Navy MSCs celebrate Capt. LaCourse's promotion to Rear Admiral (Lower Half) on 2 October 2025 at the Marine Forces Central Command (MARCENT) HQ. Rear Adm. LaCourse is excited for his new role as the Deputy TMO (The Medical Officer of the Marine Corps). Pictured (left-to-right): Cmdr. Meg Potter, MSC, USN (SOCOM); Rear Adm. Tony LaCourse, MSC, USN; Cmdr. Derek Chamberlain, MSC, USN (CENTCOM); Dave Segundo (retired) MSC, USN (CENTCOM) .

CORPS CHIEF'S OFFICE

NEW AQD: WHITE HOUSE MILITARY OFFICER

The Presidential Service Badge

The approved AQD for White House Military Officer (WHMO) service is now available. Upon earning the Presidential Service Badge (PSB), you can request for the AQD to be added to your Officer Service Record (OSR). This update will be reflected in NAVPERS 15839I VOL I, October 2025 publication.

According to Executive Order 10879, "The Presidential Service Badge may be awarded to any member of the Armed Forces assigned to duty in the White House Office or to military units and support facilities under the administration of the Military Assistant to the President by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, or, when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy, the Secretary of Transportation, upon recommendation of the Military Assistant to the President, to military personnel of their respective services. The Badge may be worn as a part of the uniform of those individuals upon award of the Presidential Service Certificate under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force, with the approval of the Secretary of Defense, and, when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, with the approval of the Secretary of Transportation, may severally prescribe."

Medical Service Corps SharePoint

The Medical Service Corps SharePoint site is now available! Head over to the website, bookmark it, and explore the latest resources and updates!

JOIN THE RUDDER STAFF!

As a team, our goal at The Rudder is to foster the professional development of all Medical Service Corps officers. With 31 specialties, there are many perspectives to represent and numerous career paths. We seek to present the best accomplishments of our fellow service members and timely information that is career enhancing. Accordingly, we strive to have representation from across all areas of the Medical Service Corps But, to do that, we need team members from healthcare administration, healthcare clinicians, and healthcare scientists. In short, we need your support!

For regular staff members, we try to align interests and skills with individual bandwidth. Many team members represent regular columns such as “From the Detailers” or the “HRO Spotlight.” Other roles support copy editing and formatting. We will match what you find most interesting with a corresponding role. Moreover, we welcome new column ideas!

If you join the team and are assigned to a regular column, you will have a section co-lead with whom you coordinate content. Each staff member is responsible for regular contributions, which amounts to at least 6 new pieces of content per year. Sometimes the content is generated internally, and sometimes our fellow MSC officers submit excellent ideas that make it into print. Your role would be in developing content relevant to a given column. Of course, if you would like to join as a staff writer and regularly contribute articles across a variety of columns, that help is welcome too! We are happy to discuss the possibilities.

Each assignment comes with a three-year commitment to the team. However, responsibilities can vary as new columns arise or if you transition to a new role in your primary duties. The Rudder includes all-volunteer staff with the shared goal of making our entire Corps better.

If you are interested in joining, please contact one of the co-editors (Cmdr. Adam Preston and Lt. Cmdr. Adam Biggs), and help us make The Rudder the best resource it can be for our fellow MSCs!

AMSUS
The Society of Federal Health Professionals

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AMSUS acknowledges the abilities of many outstanding federal healthcare individuals each year through our distinguished Awards Program. Please mark your calendars: the awards submission deadline is Nov. 15, 2025.

Link: https://amsus.org/page/AMSUSAnnualAwardsProgram

CORPS CHIEF'S OFFICE

UPCOMING COURSES CALENDAR

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Location	Registration Information
Intermediate Leadership Course (ILC)	Nov. 03, 2025	Nov. 07, 2025	Dam Neck, VA	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Intermediate Leadership Course (ILC)	Nov. 03, 2025	Nov. 07, 2025	San Diego, CA	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Senior Leader Legal Course (SLLC)	Nov. 04, 2025	Nov. 06, 2025	Newport, RI	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Capstone for MHS Leaders Course	Nov. 17, 2025	Nov. 20, 2025	Virtual	Nominations via Corps Leadership Link
Intermediate Leadership Course (ILC)	Nov. 17, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025	Damn Neck, VA	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Global Health Engagement Operations Course (GHEOC)	Nov. 17, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025	Bethesda, MD	Website
Intermediate Leadership Course (ILC)	Nov. 17, 2025	Nov. 21, 2025	San Diego, CA	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Senior Leader Legal Course (SLLC)	Nov. 18, 2025	Nov. 20, 2025	Virtual	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Senior Leader Legal Course (SLLC)	Dec. 01, 2025	Dec. 03, 2025	Newport, RI	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Senior Leader Legal Course (SLLC)	Dec. 01, 2025	Dec. 05, 2025	Virtual	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Intermediate Leadership Course (ILC)	Dec. 01, 2025	Dec. 05, 2025	Dam Neck, VA	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Intermediate Leadership Course (ILC)	Dec. 08, 2025	Dec. 12, 2025	Dam Neck, VA	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.
Fundamentals of Global Health Engagement (GHE 201)	Dec. 08, 2025	Dec. 12, 2025	Virtual	Website
Intermediate Leadership Course (ILC)	Dec. 08, 2025	Dec. 12, 2025	San Diego, CA	Register via CeTARS/ eNTRS.

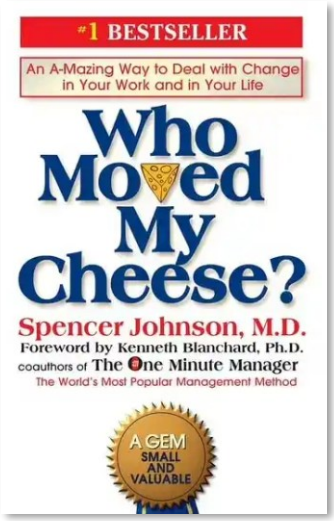
Find complete course details, including descriptions, purpose, seat availability, nomination deadlines, and more in the FY26 Navy Medicine Leadership Course Catalog.

To suggest additional courses for the upcoming calendar, contact Lt. Cheryl Kivlehan or Lt. Micaela Barter (contact information on MSC SharePoint). *Note that Lt. Kivlehan & Lt. Barter cannot register you for courses.*

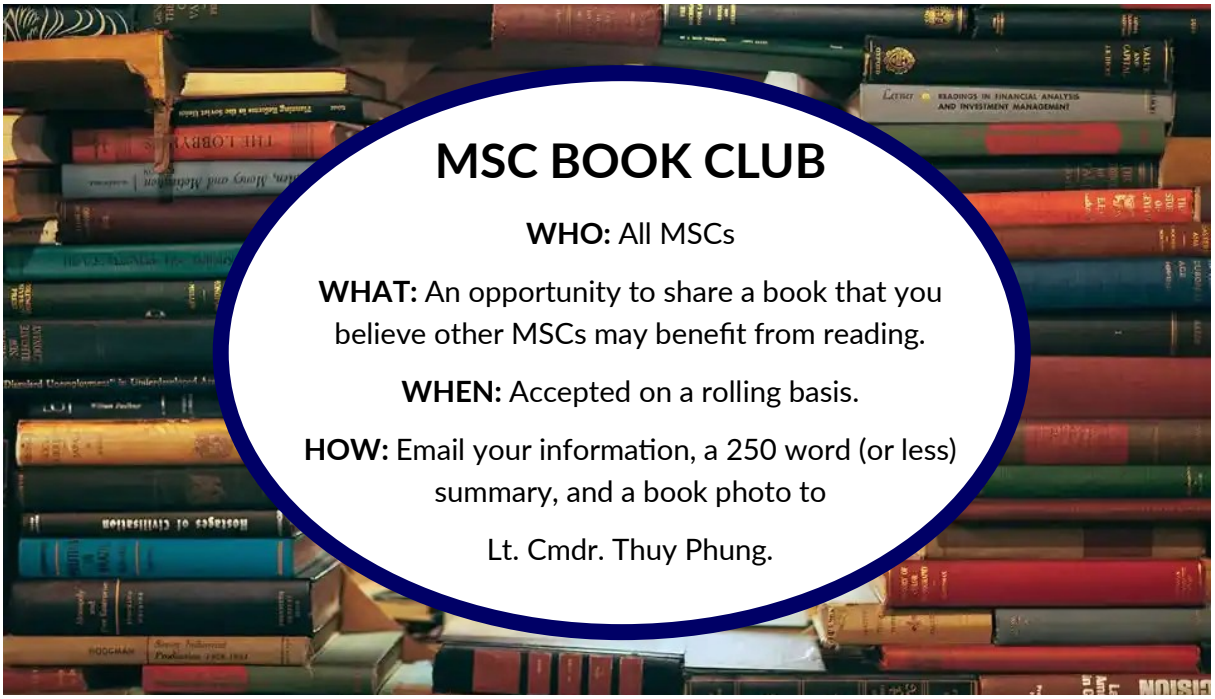
MSC BOOK CLUB

WHO MOVED MY CHEESE? BY SPENCER JOHNSON

Recommended by: Lt. Cmdr. Thuy Phung, Optometrist, NMRTC Pearl Harbor, HI



Summary: I would recommend for everyone to read, "Who Moved My Cheese?," by Dr. Spencer Johnson because it is a timeless parable about navigating change with adaptability and optimism. The story unfolds in a maze, where four characters—two mice, Sniff and Scurry, and two "little people," Hem and Haw—search for cheese. In this book, their "cheese" is a metaphor for the things we desire: success, wealth, stability, or happiness. One day, their "cheese" suddenly disappeared, but each character responded differently. Sniff and Scurry quickly adapted, while Hem reacted out of fear. This part was particularly relatable since most of us seem to resist change over the fear of unpredictability. Haw eventually learned to overcome his hesitation, embraced change, and discovered new opportunities with courage and vulnerability. The lesson is clear: change is inevitable, and our ability to adapt determines whether we grow or remain stagnant. I experienced this firsthand when I transferred to Hawaii during the transition to MHS GENESIS and later during the transition to Defense Health Agency. Transitioning into DHA meant adjusting to new systems, standard operating procedures, and organizational structures that felt unfamiliar and, at times, overwhelming. Like Haw, I realized that holding onto "how things used to be" would only keep me stuck. By leaning into flexibility, seeking guidance, and embracing new ways of operating, I found opportunities to grow as both a leader and a clinician. For us, as Naval MSC officers, the message is especially relevant. Military medicine is constantly shifting—whether through evolving missions, new policies, or organizational restructuring. This book reminds us that leaders must not only adapt personally, but also help guide their teams through uncertainty with courage and optimism. "Who Moved My Cheese?" is a quick, engaging read with lessons that resonate across every tour and every transition.



MSC BOOK CLUB

WHO: All MSCs

WHAT: An opportunity to share a book that you believe other MSCs may benefit from reading.

WHEN: Accepted on a rolling basis.

HOW: Email your information, a 250 word (or less) summary, and a book photo to

Lt. Cmdr. Thuy Phung.

Disclaimer: MSC Book Club Recommendations are the solely views of the member and do not represent the views of the United States Navy.

FROM THE DETAILERS

MSC DETAILER MISSION: FORGING TALENT TO POWER THE FLEET

The mission of the Medical Service Corps (MSC) detailers is clear: to place the right officer in the right billet at the right time to meet the Navy's operational requirements, as defined by the approved officer billet file and officer manning plan.

Detailing is far more than a personnel process. It is part of the Navy's Foundry: the engine that transforms raw talent into the ready, lethal, and resilient force on which our Fleet and Marine Forces depend. Every assignment is an opportunity to strengthen the Navy's warfighting advantage by investing in our most decisive asset: our people.

Our aim is not only to fill billets, but to deliberately assign officers to positions that sharpen leadership, deepen technical expertise, and expand managerial capability. This ensures the MSC continues to deliver professionals capable of sustaining the Navy's mission and supporting operational forces across the globe.

The Three Pillars of MSC Assignments

All assignment decisions are grounded in three enduring principles and the foundation of every detailing conversation:

1. Needs of the Navy
2. Career Needs of the Individual
3. Desires of the Individual

Needs of the Navy:
Mission First

The needs of the Navy are always the primary consideration and override all other factors. Meeting these needs means filling validated billet requirements with the best-qualified officer available—one who meets the required skills, competencies, and readiness timelines and adheres to the prioritization in the officer manning plan.

Detailers are committed to transparently communicating the "why" behind assignment decisions, providing context about operational priorities, emerging requirements, and global mission demands. This openness helps officers better understand how their skills contribute to the broader warfighting mission.

Career Needs of the Individual:
Building Warfighters

Every assignment is a deliberate step in an officer's career journey. Operational, technical, and managerial development are essential to advancement, and each MSC community follows a structured career path designed to prepare officers for increasing levels of leadership and responsibility.

As the Navy adapts to rapid changes in technology and evolving global threats, so too must our officers. Continuous learning from first tour training to operational command is a cornerstone of professional growth. Through diverse assignments, targeted qualifications, and expanded training opportunities, we forge confident, agile leaders ready to operate in a dynamic environment.

Desires of the Individual:
People Are Our Advantage

While mission requirements come first, the desires of the individual are an important consideration. Personal preferences such as geographic location and family circumstances are considered during the detailing process.

We understand that quality of life, morale, and family readiness directly impact operational effectiveness. However, there are times when mission requirements or career progression necessitate challenging assignments, such as unaccompanied tours or geographic separations. In such cases, transparency and communication are key and while

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personal preferences matter, the mission remains at the forefront of detailing. For every MSC Officer who can move and remain in the same AOR, another MSC officer must remain OCONUS, operational, or in another challenging austere position. The detailer balances the needs of all officers they are assigned.

Transparency and Communication:
The Foundation of Trust

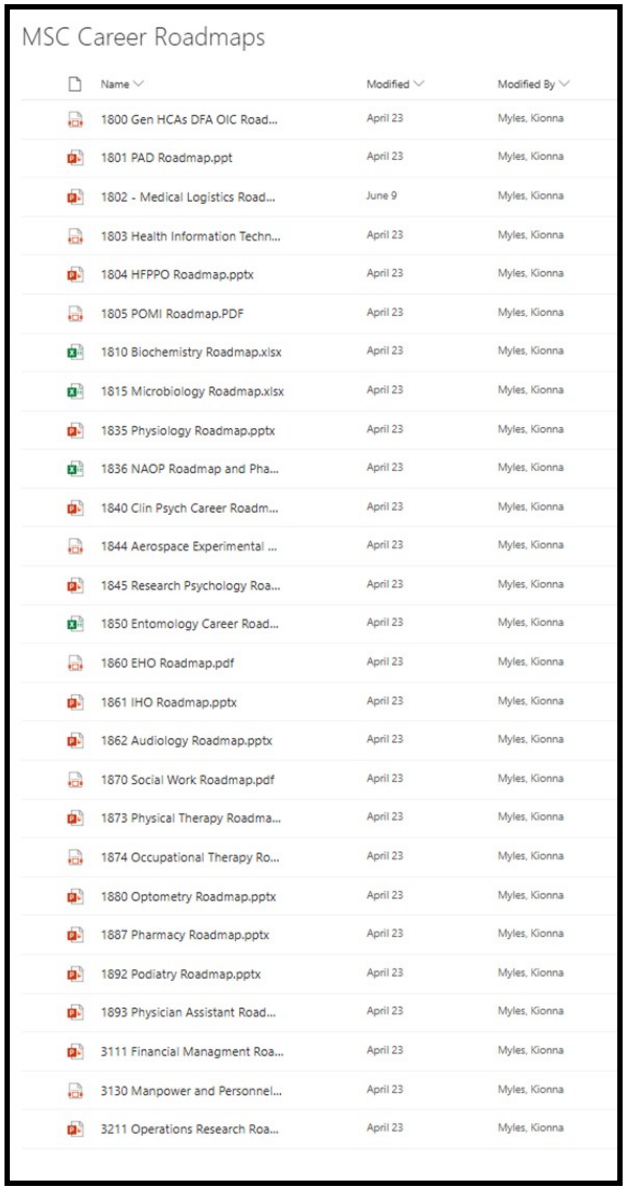
Successful detailing relies on clear, honest, and continuous communication. Officers are strongly encouraged to maintain active dialogue with their detailers discussing career goals, aspirations, and concerns openly. This collaboration ensures expectations are aligned, opportunities are fully understood, and decisions are made with the best information available.

Just as the CNO reminds us that "without a strong Foundry, there is no effective Fleet," without open communication, there can be no effective detailing. Every assignment is a partnership, built on trust, mutual understanding, and a shared commitment to the Navy's success.

Building the Future Force

Detailing is more than talent management—it is an essential part of building, sustaining, and modernizing naval power. Every billet filled, every qualification achieved, and every career milestone reached strengthens our Navy's ability to deter, fight, and win.

Balancing the needs of the Navy, the career progression of our officers, and the desires of our people, the MSC detailer team ensures our Total Force remains the decisive warfighting advantage; built in the Foundry, tempered in the Fleet, and forged to fight.



Did you know? The MSC SharePoint has a career roadmap for every specialty. Find them here.

NAVY RESERVE PAD OFFICER SERVED IN HALSS CELL DURING JOINT EXERCISE

By: Lt. Cmdr. Sandra Baxter, MSC, USN

FORT MCCOY, Wisconsin. Patient Administration representatives serving in the Higher, Adjacent, Lower, Supporting, Supported (HALSS) Cell during the Combat Support Exercise / Global Medic 25-02. Pictured (from left-to-right): Major Anthony Ard (USAF), Lt. Cmdr. Sandra Baxter (USN), Captain Mary Compean (US Army), Lt. Zi Yu Cai (Canadian Army), Staff Sargent Jason Phillips (US Army).

I had the opportunity to serve at Global Medic 25-02, the largest annual Joint medical training exercise where personnel from the U.S. Air Force, US Army, U.S. Navy, and Canadian Army worked together to MEDEVAC patients and solve patient treatment scenarios. During the exercise, EMF 150 Alpha ran a Role 3 Field Hospital and EMU 1 ran a Role 2 Field Hospital.

Global Medic is a full spectrum training field exercise where 1,000 Soldiers, 650 Airmen, 340 Sailors, 200 Marines, and 71 NATO partner nation personnel war-gamed scenarios that included battlefield treatment and transporting wounded personnel by land vehicles and helicopters to Field Hospitals. Realistic scenarios involving notional casualties, moulage (simulated injuries), and special effects are used to prepare medical providers for real-world situations. I was honored to be the Navy's only representative to serve in the Higher Adjacent Lower Supporting Supported (HALSS).

In the HALSS, I represented the Navy as the Field Hospital's higher echelon. We successfully executed 100 scenarios, treated 398 patients, and MEDEVAC-ed 130 patients. I worked with the Lead Observer-Coach/Trainer (OCT) for EMF Camp Pendleton, Lt. Cmdr. Benjamin Olemedo (Physician Assistant), to successfully integrate Joint operations following procedures as outlined in the Operational Order. This required close communication with the Patient Administration Department (led by Lt. Cmdr. Danielle Sterner, Dietitian) and Operations Officer (Cmdr. Sean Mackie, Physician Assistant. In the HALSS, I received reports from the Field Hospital and coordinated to solve issues that arose.

A unique opportunity was the Med-COP and BATDOK-J training and observation of the medical systems in use. These systems will transform the transition of patient information as the patient moves through the spectrum of care—from battlefield medicine, all the way to the Role 4 Hospital.

If given the opportunity to serve in a Joint Service HALSS cell or a Field Exercise Training, do not hesitate. I grew exponentially as a PAD officer and learned so much about operational medicine, procedures, and the Joint services working together to accomplish the mission.

It was an amazing experience working with the Army, Air Force, and Canadian Army sharing best practices. Serving in Global Medic was an experience of a lifetime and greatly enhanced my knowledge, hands on experience, and quick problem-solving skills.

THE IMPACT OF DIVING IN OXYGEN AND CARBON DIOXIDE RICH ENVIORNMENTS

By: Lt. Dylan Holly, MSC, USN, Research Physiologist, Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory

Navy Medicine Research and Development (NMR&D) performs medical research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) that enhances the health, safety, and readiness of Navy and Marine Corps personnel. NMR&D includes multiple research centers and laboratories across the world, and each command offers unique capabilities and focus areas. One of those laboratories is the Naval Submarine Medical Research Laboratory (NSMRL) located on Naval Submarine Base New London.

NSMRL's two chambers are specialized, enclosed spaces in which the atmospheric pressure can be decreased (hypobaric) or increased (hyperbaric). Additionally, the gas mixtures in these enclosed chambers can be controlled, providing scientists an opportunity to study different dive conditions without sending research subjects underwater many miles from a controlled laboratory environment. Over the past several years, with support from Naval Advanced Medical Development (NAMD), NSMRL's chambers have been undergoing an extensive and complex restoration.

The Undersea Physiology and Performance Enhancement (UPPER) Team resumed research efforts in Chamber #2. NSMRL's UPPER Team researches how undersea medicine, dive physiology, and environmental stressors affect human performance. The team works to mitigate the impacts of the challenges that may be encountered by warfighters working in austere operation conditions, including thermal, decompression, and hypo/hyperoxic stressors. For this first newly restored Chamber #2 protocol, the team wanted to assess the hyperbaric, hyperoxic, and hypercapnic effects on diver redox state.

The research is aimed at identifying any major underlying metabolic pathways associated with hyperbaric hyperoxia with and without the addition of elevated CO_2. Ultimately, these efforts will result in the development of countermeasures for oxygen toxicity, as well as optimization of new and improved procedures for recompression therapy and distressed submarine rescue protocols.

NMR&D play a vital role in increasing warfighter lethality, health, readiness and safety. For 250 years, Navy Medicine has delivered quality healthcare and enduring expeditionary medical support to the warfighter on, below, and above the sea and ashore.

GROTON, Connecticut. The UPPER team working with NSMRL divers to observe a subject in Chamber #2 during their most recent protocol. Photo by Emily Swedlund, NSMRL PAO.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

GET THE GOUGE! CDB CONTENT NOW ON BUMED SHAREPOINT

By : Lt. Kelson Mosier, HCA, NMRTC Portsmouth

Not long after the milBook MSC Career Development Board (CDB) milBook page was revamped, it was announced that milSuite would sunset in April 2025. As a result, the behind-the-scenes MSC CDB content team put their heads together to successfully migrate this vital mentorship program to a new platform that would be accessible to all MSCs. The result: MSC CDB content can now be found on the BUMED SharePoint here. Thank you to the following team members who assisted, and to all others who supported: Lt. Cmdr. Serge Shkuro (Naval Medical Center, Camp Lejeune, NC), Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Gomez-Rivera (DHA, Falls Church, VA), Lt. Cmdr. James Salassi (MAWTS-1, Yuma, AZ), Lt. Cmdr. Albert Lee (NMRTC Ft Belvoir, VA), and Lt. Marat Katsov (BUMED, Falls Church, VA).

With the migration to SharePoint, the MSC CDB content and program resources are now in a new, easy-to-access format. The page is designed as a one-stop shop to assist you in performing the multiple roles that you will inevitably play as both an MSC mentor and as an MSC being mentored.

The objective of the MSC CDB Program remains steadfast: to provide MSC Officers the opportunity to receive guidance and tools to make informed career decisions based on current Navy policies, programs, and procedures to achieve their personal and professional development goals. This is a live platform and we welcome any feedback to enhance the mentorship experience!

Navigation: From the main MSC SharePoint page, simply scroll down and choose the M00C4milsuite link in the menu along the left side of the page.

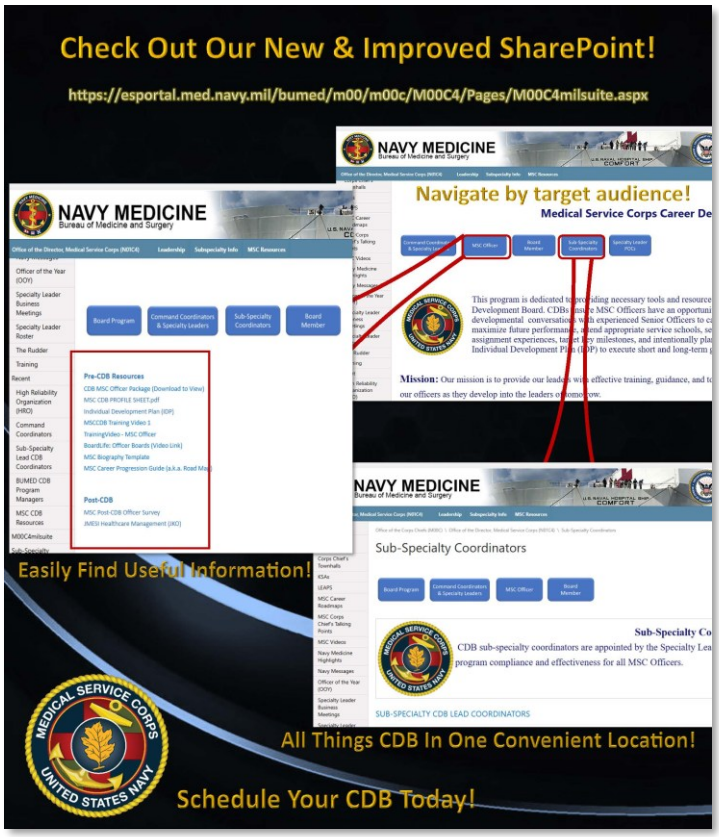


Figure 1. MSC Career Development Board content on BUMED SharePoint.

Have a CDB story to share?
Please email Lt. Kelson Mosier.

Have any CDB questions? Please email Program Manager Lt. Cmdr. Albert Lee.

Want to join the MSC CDB team or the LOE-4 (Recruit & Retain) effort?
Please email Lt. Cory Beamer.

HRO SPOTLIGHT

PODIATRY'S HIGH RELIABILITY FOOTPRINT ON READINESS

By: Lt. Dana L. Farmer, Comptroller, Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command Great Lakes, Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center

Maintaining mission readiness hinges on the health and readiness of military personnel. Foot and ankle problems represent a significant impediment to readiness, ranking among the leading causes of limited duty and non-deployability. These seemingly minor ailments can lead to long-term consequences. Beyond treating existing conditions, Navy podiatrists are proactive in incorporating High Reliability Organization (HRO) characteristics into their practice, ensuring exceptional, patient-centered care that extends far beyond simple treatment. This commitment translates into a tangible impact on force readiness.

Sensitivity to Operations and Commitment to Resilience: Navy podiatry officers maintain unwavering vigilance, acutely aware of the unique challenges and demands within their diverse working environments. From stateside military treatment facilities to austere combat zones, they proactively identify and address potential problems before they escalate into debilitating conditions. Their versatility allows them to contribute in a multitude of roles, armed with an in-depth understanding of mission requirements and the distinct needs of the patient population. Podiatrists embody resilience, prepared to respond effectively to unexpected events and rapidly recover by leveraging lessons learned from past errors, participating in proactive training initiatives, fostering supportive team environments, and consistently promoting resilient practices.

Deference to Expertise and Preoccupation with Failure: With operational demands a constant priority, Navy podiatrists actively pursue practical, readily implementable solutions in diverse settings. Empowering frontline staff to make crucial safety decisions is paramount to this effort. A culture of valuing the knowledge of those directly involved in executing these solutions prevails, underpinned by clear and concise standing orders and protocols. Rigorous decision-making and situational awareness training reinforce the ability of the team to act decisively in the face of potential safety concerns.

Reluctance to Simplify Interpretations: Navy podiatrists are committed to providing comprehensive and effective patient-centered care by resisting the temptation to jump to quick conclusions or accept simplistic explanations when confronted with complex medical situations. This dedication is especially crucial when navigating the unique challenges presented by military medicine. The health and readiness of personnel directly impact force readiness, making accurate diagnoses and effective treatment plans absolutely essential

By combining specialized medical expertise with a commitment to HRO principles, these officers ensure warfighters receive the highest quality care, contributing directly to a healthier, more ready, and ultimately more capable fighting force. Their unwavering dedication to excellence makes them an indispensable asset within Navy Medicine.

CHICAGO, Illinois. Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center, IL. Pictured above (left-to-right): FHCC Podiatry Resident., Lt Dana Farmer, Comptroller, HCA.

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

RESERVE PHARMACISTS IN ACTION

By: Cmdr. Geoffrey Cheng, Reserve Pharmacy Specialty Leader, NMRTC Camp Lejeune

FORT MCCOY, Wisconsin. Reserve pharmacy officers participate in Global Medic 25-02. Pictured (from left-to-right): LT Ryan Jackson, LCDR Danielle Rakich, CDR Lauchland Roberts, and LCDR James Nash.

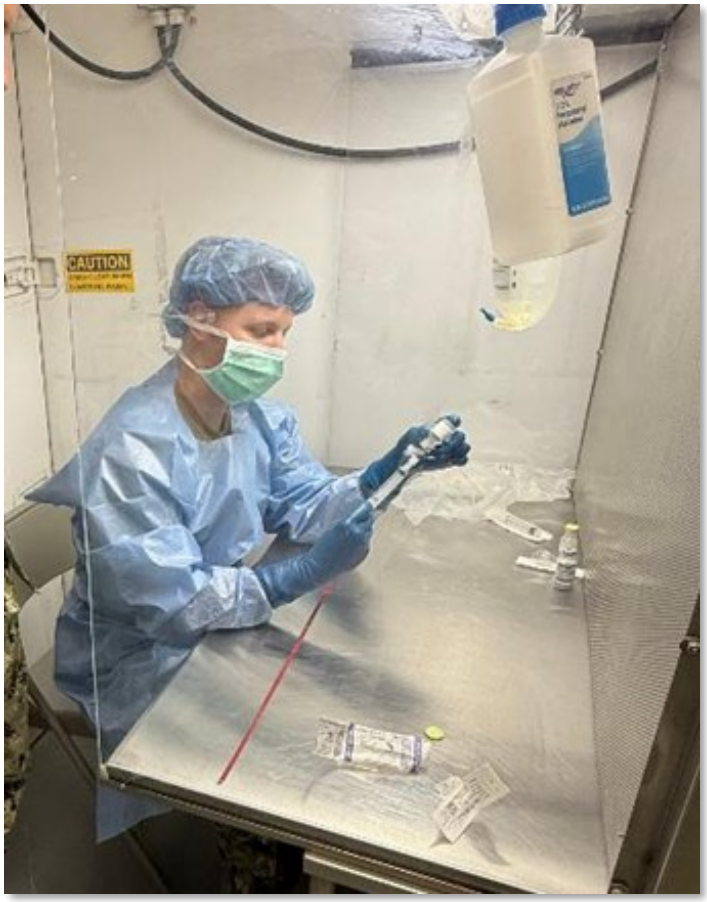
More than 1,000 service members from across the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Allied Partner Nations converged onto Fort McCoy, Wisconsin from August 2, 2025, through August 15, 2025, for Global Medic 25-02, one of the largest annual joint medical training exercises. Global Medic 25-02 provided a unique opportunity for these pharmacists to integrate into Role 2 and Role 3 field-based hospital settings.

Cmdr. Roberts and Lt. Cmdr. Nash showcased their adaptability by co-serving as Laboratory Officers due to manning shortages. Additionally, both officers donned moulage to act as wounded warriors, providing Army and Marine field-based care teams with battle care scenarios for training.

Lt. Cmdr. Danielle Rakich contributed her expertise as an Observer Controller Trainer (OCT) during the exercise. This role is crucial for ensuring training objectives are met, providing feedback, and helping to shape the readiness of the entire medical force. Lt. Cmdr. Rakich served with 11 other OCTs of various backgrounds at the Role 3 facility.

The event served as a significant milestone for Lt. Barnes and Lt. Jackson, who were vital assets at the Role 3 hospital. This marked their first annual training since transitioning from active duty, and they proved to be indispensable members of the hospital team.

The collective efforts of these officers at Global Medic 25-02 highlight the essential role pharmacists serve in military medicine and their readiness to serve in any capacity required to support the mission. Their presence and contributions underscored the critical function of pharmacy in a deployed environment.



FORT MCCOY, Wisconsin. Reserve pharmacy officer Lt. Clifton Barnes participates in Global Medic 25-02 by preparing IV medication.

MSCs IN FOCUS

SAN DIEGO, California. NMRTC San Diego holds a meritorious promotion celebration for Lt. Cmdr. Krystal Martin. Pictured above (from left-to-right): Cmdr. Temitope Ayeni, Cmdr. Diana Tran-Yu, Lt. Samantha Cherry, Capt. Cindy Palacios, Cmdr. Ellis Banks, Capt. Darla Dietrich, Lt. Cmdr. Donald Skelton, Lt. Cmdr. Martin, Cmdr. Derek Hoffman, Cmdr. Brady Gotto, Lt. j.g. Terry Robinson, Lt. Amy Bodea.

CAMP LEJEUNE, North Carolina. Fleet Marine Force Warfare Officer) Pinning Ceremony at 2D Marine Division / Division Surgeon's Office. Pictured (from left -to-right): Lt. Cmdr. Dean Olson, Deputy Surgeon, Lt. Katie Smith, EHO .

MSCs IN FOCUS

BREMERTON, Washington. Deputy Corps Chief visits NMRTC Bremerton. Pictured (from left-to-right): Lt.j.g. David Tegtmeyer, HCA; Lt. Alexander Kameshige, RHO; Lt. John Sodusta, IHO; Lt. Cmdr. Daniel Murrish, Laboratory Officer; Cmdr. Michael Bowers, OIC Everett; Lt. Cmdr. Gary Rosonet, Audiologist; Cmdr. Brittany Jansen, Physical Therapist; Lt.j.g. April White, Laboratory Officer; Capt. Bryan Pyle, MSC Policy/Practice; Capt. Kristin Hodapp, Deputy Corps Chief; Capt. Karla Lepore, CO; Lt. Cmdr. Ann Hummel, Clinical Psych; Cmdr. David Varney, DFA; Lt. Angela Swint, HCA; Lt. Shane Garduño, HCA; Lt. Wilfred Flores, HCA; Cmdr. Kathleen Smith, Pharmacist; Cmdr. John Balsamo, Occupational Therapist; Lt. Meagan Rawers, Pharmacist.

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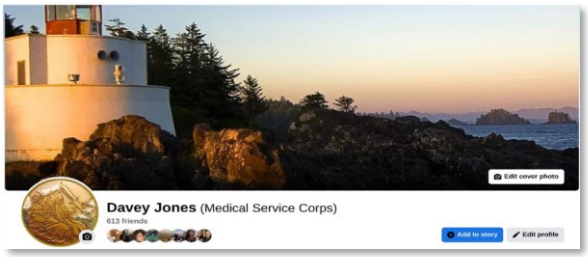

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